would focus on collection and sharing of information and closely monitoring the activities of terrorists/militants, including those backed by ISI for follow up action. Some States such as Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Rajasthan and Tripura have set up such cells. However, some other States have also set up mechanisms for counter-terrorist measures, such as anti-terrorist squads, special task forces, dedicated units etc.

SIMI operating in the grab of secret outfit

698. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item captioned "SIMI operating in the grab of secret outfit" appearing in Hindustan Times dated 31st December, 2001;

(b) if so, what are the details; and

(c) what steps have been taken to check the activities of the secret outfit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) There is no specific information with the Government of India that SIMI is operating in the grab of a secret outfit. However, the SIMI activists are continuing with their efforts to carry on their activities under the banner of different fronts. A close watch is being kept by the law enforcement agencies on their activities.

ISI's role in madarsas

699. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 125 madarsas in the districts along the West Bengal-Bangladesh borders have been harbouring terrorists belonging to various Islamic Groups and have been preaching terror;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Pakistan's ISI has also been active against India through these madarsas; and

(c) if so, what immediate and fool-proof steps are being taken by Government to close down these madarsas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Government

have received reports regarding the misuse of some Madarsas along the Indo-Bangladesh border for illegal activities. Though there are no specific inputs with regard to Pakistan's ISI being actively involved in these, this cannot be totally ruled out. The State Governments have been advised to take action under the provisions of the Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1988, wherever such places of worship/religious instruction are found to be indulging in illegal activities in violation of the Act.

Rise in number of madarsas along Indo-Bangladesh border

700. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to intelligence reports there has been sudden rise in the number of madarsas along the Indo-Bangladesh border being funded by the gulf countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Government with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As per reports there has been a rise in the number of Madarsas in the bordering districts on Indo-Bangladesh border. There are also reports that some of these are receiving funds from foreign sources.

Under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976, various non-governmental organisations (including Madarsas) are permitted to receive foreign contributions from foreign sources for bonafide activities in cultural, economic, education, social or religious fields. No separate records about Madarsas are being complied. However, if any complaint of violations of the provisions of the FCRA, 1976, come to notice, appropriate action under the Act is taken.

Non-completion of investigation in fraud case

701. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY:
SHRI ABANI ROY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3522 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18th April, 2001 and state:

(a) whether the concerned Investigating Officer of Delhi Police failed to seek permission of the Court to effect arrest of the said co-accused;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said I.O. is not completing the investigation deliberately of the embezzelement of the public money and diluting the whole case at the behest of the accused persons; and